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McClellan.  
In his inaugural yesterday Mayor McClellan intimated that his political career was virtually closed. And yet this morning's newspapers, which print that, print also a dispatch from Pittsburgh in which he is hailed as the rising hope of the democracy.

McClellan's break from Tammany Hall will have the effect of rejuvenating the democratic party of the whole country. He has given us hopes such as we did not dream of a few months ago. It will make it possible for a democratic candidate for President to put up a very strong fight, and we believe we will win. It has also made Mayor McClellan a presidential possibility.

It is all very well to applaud Mr. McClellan for the good appointments he has just announced, as also for his expressed hope to leave office with the town stronger in the way of good government than when he found it. He owes the town the best of administration possible, even at the cost of the friendship of some men who have helped him rise to his present position. Such is his duty to himself and to others, guiding by local conditions and requirements.

But when it comes to the presidency, it is well not to forget that New York is a very important state in the electoral college, and that democratic success there is impossible at any time without the hearty activity of Tammany Hall. The state outside of the city is strongly and unconquerably republican. It is always for Tammany to save the day if the day can be saved.

To say the least of it, therefore, it is injudicious to "knock" Tammany in any way in a discussion of democratic prospects and hopes for 1908. Better let the Tiger nurse its wrath, unmolested, and have out its growl in the corner alone. It may be in a better humor two years hence. And, anyhow, for all the compliments now showered upon him, Mr. McClellan has not broken with Tammany by a good deal.

Police Initiative.  
The order given lately to the police to keep their ears open for locomotive whistles and their eyes open for clues to the identity of the men who unlawfully blow them is in line with a principle which the Star has always urged upon the local authorities.

The police force is provided to maintain order, as a positive factor, and not merely as an agency of punishment when complaint is filed. In the main this preventive principle is well maintained, but in some respects it is occasionally allowed to lapse, and the police are, to continue for months and finally to be abated only when the people file protests or themselves hale offenders to court on individual processes.

The policemen, scattered all over the District, are supposed to observe all infractions of the law and to report them to headquarters. It is true that the force is small, and is burdened with many duties which should be lightened by the addition of at least one hundred more men. But small as it is, the force can, and in its measure does, take cognizance of the minor violations which contribute to a sum total of public discomfort and even danger.

If the police force measured up to the theoretical standard of watchfulness it would never be necessary for the citizen to file a complaint against a violator of the regulations or the laws, save those whose illegal actions are hidden from the eyes of the constables. All nuisances, such as unwarranted noise, improper business methods, infractions of the health requirements and the like, not concealed by fences or walls, should be subject to automatic correction.

hardly to be believed. He may have had a certain satisfaction in reflecting that he had pulled himself up from a shameful position as an ex-convict to the rank of one of the great creators of useful works. He did unquestionably contribute to the convenience of men. He was a worker, a producer, a master of finance and industry. Yet he was pitifully lacking in the first element of true greatness, a moral sense, and it was this lack that finally shadowed his deathbed and which has cast the gloom of misery over his interment.

Yerkes' millions seemed to have been charmed with evil furore from the beginning. They first led him into crooked ways and into the penitentiary. They then led him into rascality of another kind, even while he was erecting a monument to himself that, with all his failings, will remain as such through many years.

Yerkes might have been infinitely more useful in his life if he had been straight and moral. It bespeaks the fundamental soundness of our conscience that we know that there was no place for him here after he had left prison, and his subsequent social conduct amply proved the righteousness of the American judgment of the man. He was essentially wrong in his concept of life, and all his millions could not cure the fault, nor will all his benefactions, his gifts to institutions, his contributions to American art, wipe away the pitiful memory of his last days and his hasty burial.

New York's Police Problem.  
Mr. McClellan is rated as having failed in the office of police commissioner of New York. That he did his best, we may all believe. He brought to the place the reputation of an honest and able man, who had figured creditably in national affairs, first as a member of Congress, and then as assistant secretary of the navy, and Mayor McClellan was congratulated on having secured his assistance in the work of administering the affairs of the metropolis.

But at the close of the mayor's first term Mr. McClellan's resignation was requested in a manner of which he complained, and much bad feeling exists.

What explains this failure, if failure there has been? That Mr. McClellan had no military training? Is there that about a police force as large as this metropolitan force which calls for the knowledge and experience of a soldier in handling it? Mr. McClellan as a lawyer and a politician, of course never set a squadron in the field. It is doubtful if he could have given the correct order turning a platoon of his men from one street into another. But he knew the law, and he wanted it enforced, and he tried to enforce it, and yet he failed. The press complained, the people complained, and the mayor finally "went back" on his friend.

The new experiment is a soldier, and a good one. In the line of his profession General Bingham stands exceedingly well, and succeeded as a soldier with some difficult assignments. If the office calls for a soldier of energy and resources, then the right man has probably been secured. But if, in addition, the incumbent should possess a thorough knowledge of the law and some of the diplomatic politics, then General Bingham is booked for a stormy voyage, and may end, as Mr. McClellan has done, in a badly damaged condition.

As Mr. McClellan the lawyer and politician has failed, and should General Bingham the capable soldier fail, will the problem be turned over again to a man like Devery, who, without education of any kind, by sheer force and awkwardness, and an elemental knowledge of the shady side of life, gave an account of himself in the place which the Tammany leaders applauded, and Mr. McClellan himself indorsed as a part of the Van Wyck dynasty?

Herrick of Ohio.  
Gov. Herrick's valetudinary is creditable to his character as a man, and he sets the Ohio legislature a task which if it could be executed would heal nearly all of our political ills. If lobbying and excuses for lobbying could be eliminated from the law-making arena, local and national, we should have public interests so well served that complaints would almost entirely disappear. But, in one form or another, these evils are constantly manifesting themselves in nearly all public affairs. The lobbyists are like the poor, in that we have them always with us. Their worst offense is that they help create the very conditions they are afterwards employed to defeat. They put the monster on its feet, and then take a fee to put him out of business. Gov. Herrick has had but a brief experience in office, and retires with more longings for good things than practical suggestions for obtaining them.

The showing made by Hearst in the recent New York election may have convinced Mayor McClellan that Tammany's power has been somewhat overestimated.

Any anarchist who honestly desires to see what his ideas would look like if put into practice can get the information by moving into Russia.

It is no more reasonable to call every purloiner of personal property a "Rattler" than it is to regard every policeman as a Sherlock Holmes.

Already this 1906, which caused so much stir and celebration, seems very much like any other old year.

Scotty, the cowboy miner, resents the reports that he was killed, as a reflection on his toughness.

Morales is realizing that it is a bad season for bosses of all kinds.

Pine Knob is now as rural and forsaken as Oyster Bay.

Chauffeurs and Owners.  
Here's the newest thing in organization, a national club of professional chauffeurs, just formed in New York, with the avowed purpose of clearing the class of odium. The club has been formed with 175 members and is already growing. It intends to exercise a supervisory control, if possible, over the personnel of the "profession," to eliminate the unworthy, the unreliable and the inexperienced. It asks questions for membership the following questions:  
"Former occupation? Do you use liquor while on duty, and to what extent? Where were you employed within the last two years? In what capacity? How long have you operated automobiles? What makes cars have you operated? Have you had any accidents? If so, of what nature? Do you use your employer's car for your pleasure without consent?"  
The idea is that after a while, when all the best talent has been enlisted, this chauffeur's club will become a sort of union, and motor owners will be compelled to engage their mechanicians from the ranks of the organization. If the standard of membership is kept high, this will be a good thing. Perhaps, when the club-union gets stronger, it can begin to exercise a supervisory authority or control over motor owners. Maybe the chauffeur of the near future, having been fully certified by his club-union as a man of skill, probity and judgment, will put his would-be employer through such an inquisition as the following:  
"Are you a speed maniac? Do you pay all fines? Do you exercise your own judgment in the management of the machine? What is your idea of motor-regulation legislation? Do you ever jump over your judgment, be blamed for executing the orders of the owner? When do you break, kick, bark, or otherwise jump when the car is booked for a bump?"  
It is just possible that much good may come from this club. A conviction is growing that this man, who has been so happy in his life? It is

ing in this country that the chauffeurs are not to be blamed for all the wild antics of the motor cars. They do, of course, occasionally go on surreptitious trips without the permission of the car owners, and many of the accidents occur in such circumstances. But more of them are the result of chauffeurs obeying such commands as "go faster," "speed her up," "give me my money's worth out of the machine." There is little doubt in the minds of most non-motoring men that the true need of automobile reform lies in the proper education of owners. If the "boss" has the right conception of what a motor car is and can do and should be permitted to do, he will get the right kind of a chauffeur.

Messrs. Belmont and Ryan are said to have been home laughing heartily after the completion of their street railway deal. The general public is beginning to fear that the high financiers are planning a monopoly of the merriment.

Mr. Bryan's declaration that he has obtained a great deal of information that will be valuable when he returns awakens some vague curiosity as to how he will apply the mental energy he is now storing.

Despite the great things that a New York police commissioner sometimes leads to, General Bingham may be regarded as reasonably unselfish in accepting the appointment.

Mr. Odell offers an example of the righteous indignation that a boss feels when he thinks he sees a bigger boss looming up.

No matter who wins in such struggles as are going on in Moscow, the Russian nation must suffer.

SHOOTING STARS.  
A Career Projected.

"So they won't let you say anything in Congress," said Farmer Cortomess.

"No," answered the youthful statesman.

"Well, you jes' stand pat. One of these days, when they come around and want you to talk don't you say a word. Then you'll get the reputation of being a sphinx, which is one of the most valuable things a man in politics can have."

A Few Removed.  
The dictionary's full of words.

The fact removes a doubt. I dreamed last night that Congress folk had worn them wholly out.

Hope.  
"That girl says that in her opinion love is all nonsense," remarked the gloomy young man.

"Well," answered Miss Cayenne, "don't despair. Perhaps you can succeed in being sufficiently nonsensical to meet her ideals."

"Dar is times," said Uncle Eben, "when true friendship consists in bein' liberal wif a loan an' stingy wif de wise talk."

Early Education.  
"Were you especially educated for your present responsible position?"

"Yes," answered the Sultan of Turkey. "Soon after my accession to the throne I went to work and learned to say 'I apologize,' in every modern language."

A Reformed Character.  
Mistuh January.

Here you is once more! You's lookin' might spruce an' fine, To what you looked befo'.

You used to come a blusterin' 'round An' shakin' all de trees, An' makin' coal an' wood so scarce We thought we gwine freeze.

Mistuh January.

You hab a winnin' smile. Dat keeps de sky a laughin' In a most refreshin' style. De folks is talkin' 'bout you All 'round de neighborhood; Yoh New Year's resolution Mus' 'a done a heap o' good.

Secret Retainers.  
From the New York Tribune.

Lobbying is a legitimate business if legitimately conducted. There is no reason why a lawyer should not appear before a legislative committee or before a public hearing to individual lawmakers in behalf of a client interested in a pending measure, provided the proper use of his persuasive powers.

Evidence taken before the Armstrong committee has shown, however, that many members of the bar by no means thus limit the scope of their activities. Instances after instance have been brought to attention of the employment of lawyers under secret retainer to serve interests to which they apparently owed no allegiance. Gentlemen, under the guise of disinterested citizens, wrote articles and appeared before committees in the endeavor to manifest an apparent weight of public opinion with reference to certain subjects, when they were really paid agents trying to advance the interests of an employer. Such methods are a fraud upon the legislature and upon the public, and they are a discredit to the legal profession.

Our Dwindling Property in Land.  
From the Chicago Chronicle.

There appears to be grave need of a complete overhauling of our national laws covering the disposal of the lands which belong to the whole people. Settling alongside the criminal and quasi-criminal land operations which under Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock's previous administration and prosecutions have already resulted disastrously to some of those implicated, a glance at conditions revealed in publicly reported facts and figures indicates the necessity for amending the laws.

The people are all equally owners of these lands, and it is to their interest that when they pass out of public ownership it shall be, primarily, for the purpose of being devoted to the making of homes and adding to the productive power of the nation. It is a commonplace truth that we have been too much in the habit of regarding the public stock of lands as inexhaustible. It is beginning to appear that the end is within sight.

More Pay for Postal Clerks.  
From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The postal service is costing about \$165,000,000 a year. At the present rate of increase in five years it will far exceed \$200,000,000. A few classes of mail matter pay one-fifth the cost of handling. If all paid a proper amount there would be no deficit and the service would be more efficient and they would be decently paid. The clerks now fixed are essentially those of a generation ago, when the cost of living was much less. Clerks ought to be paid even if it has no disposition to be generous.

Dominican Treaty.  
From the New York Globe.

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